



Community Technology Report - November, 2011

Technology Matching Fund

Thanks to Councilmember Richard Conlin and the City Council, the Tech Matching Fund will be funded at the same level for 2012 as it was this year. The Council approved the same additional \$95,000 from franchise fees that were added with CTTAB's recommendations in 2011.

Also a proposed consolidation of city community grant programs was cancelled. We will still be working with other departments on collaborative efficiencies, but this enables us to retain Delia Burke and the funding for her position, along with the management of the program.

Comcast non-profit Internet program update

Tony Perez has been in continuing discussion with Comcast about our disagreement on the count and status of our community cable modem connections. We believe we are closer to a remedy with them, but it has not yet been resolved and we still have about 14 applicant sites pending installation.

Puget SoundOff - City of Seattle Human Rights Day Banner contest

Puget SoundOff, the Seattle Office of Civil Rights and Councilmember Mike's O'Brien's office are holding the second Human Rights Day Banner Design Contests. Please push out to your networks. Prize is a brand new Kindle Fire! Entry details here: <http://pugetsoundoff.org/contest> One winner will be chosen by the office of Councilmember Mike O'Brien and awarded the grand prize. The banner will also appear on Puget SoundOff.org

Digital Inclusion Plan

CTTAB member and UW ISchool student Bryan Dosono is going to work with us to research other city digital inclusion plans and help draft a new strategic plan for Seattle. This work will occur mainly January-May.

Brainstorm: See the November edition of Brainstorm at <http://seattle.gov/tech/brainstorm/>.

Seattle Communities Online "Boost" grants

We are holding a gathering for grantees on Wed. Nov 16th, 5:30-8 pm at the Rainier Chamber of Commerce.

EdLab Group Communities Connect Network Project

The new CommunitiesConnect.org web portal is getting launched later this week. We are still tweaking the Delicious API feed into Drupal.

A state Council on Digital Inclusion meeting will be held December 1st, noon-4 at Bell Plaza.